



Gus Schumacher, Chairman
Michel Nischan, President/CEO

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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Room 1000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Nomination of Steve Reviczky as Commissioner of Agriculture

Dear Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, and Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee:

We are pleased to write to strongly support the nomination of Steve Reviczky as Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Connecticut. As the leader of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, and throughout his outstanding career in agriculture, he has been tireless in support of farming and the food system.

As new challenges arise to protect farmland, promote the state's local food products, and encourage more consumer-to-farm linkages, Steve has the qualifications and experience to meet these tasks. Particularly exciting are new initiatives to ensure all citizens, regardless of income, have access to local fresh food grown by dedicated Connecticut farmers. Efforts to protect the critical farmland that enables Connecticut farmers to continue producing this healthy food are especially applauded.

At Wholesome Wave, headquartered in Bridgeport, we are delighted with the Governor's nomination and wholeheartedly support Steve Reviczky for Commissioner of Agriculture for Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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